

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A method for updating client computers with user specific application enablement, comprising:

creating, at a server, a component control file which defines enablement components needed to run applications from [[a file]] the server assigned to a user on a client and actions to be performed to install the enablement components, wherein the enablement components comprise required changes to an operating system of the client; [[and]]

creating, at the server, an installation control file which lists the applications that have been assigned to the user and the enablement components from the component control file which must be installed in order to execute the applications that have been assigned to the user on the client;

determining, at the client, if the enablement components for applications listed in the installation control file are currently installed on the client; and

if the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are not currently installed on the client, installing, at the client, the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file on the client.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein the component control file and the installation control file are [[is]] stored in a server.

4. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1, ~~wherein the installation control file~~ further comprising:

if the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are currently installed on the client, determining if versions of the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are later than versions of the enablement components currently installed on the client; and

if versions of the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are later than versions of the enablement components currently installed on the client, installing the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file on the client.

5. (Original): The method according to claim 4, wherein the installation control file is stored in a user-specific profile area in the server.

6. (Currently Amended): A method for updating client computers with user specific application enablement, comprising:

responsive to a request for updating a client, reading, at the client, a user's installation control file from a server which contains a list of enablement components needed to run a set of applications from [[a file]] the server that have been assigned to the user of a client; [[and]]

determining, at the client, if each of the list of enablement components is installed on the client; and

changing, at the client, an operating system according to of the client to install each of the list of enablement components that is not installed on the client.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original): The method according to claim 6, wherein the installation control file is stored in a server.

9. (Original): The method according to claim 6, wherein the installation control file is stored in a user-specific profile in the server.

10. (Original): The method according to claim 6, further comprising prompting the user before installing the enablement components.

11. (Currently Amended): A computer program product in a computer readable medium for use in a data processing system for updating client computers with user specific application enablement, comprising:

instructions for creating, at a server, a component control file which defines enablement components needed to run applications from ~~[[a file]]~~ the server assigned to a user on a client and actions to be performed to install the enablement components, wherein the enablement components comprise required changes to an operating system of the client; [[and]]

instructions for creating, at the server, an installation control file which lists the applications that have been assigned to the user and the enablement components from the component control file which must be installed in order to execute the applications that have been assigned to the user;

instructions for determining, at the client, if the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are currently installed on the client; and

instructions for installing, at the client, the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file on the client if the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are not currently installed on the client.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended): The computer program product according to claim 11, wherein the component control file and installation control file are [[is]] stored on a server.

14. (Currently Amended): The computer program product according to claim 11, ~~wherein the installation control file is stored on a server~~ further comprising:

if the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are currently installed on the client, determining if versions of the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are later than versions of the enablement components currently installed on the client; and

if versions of the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are later than versions of the enablement components currently installed on the client, installing the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file on the client.

15. (Original): The computer program product according to claim 14, wherein the installation control file is stored in a user-specific profile area in the server.

16. (Currently Amended): A computer program product in a computer readable medium for use in a data processing system for updating client computers with user specific application enablement, comprising:

instructions for reading, at a client, a user's installation control file from a server which contains a list of enablement components needed to run a set of applications from [[a file]] the server that have been assigned to the user of a client, responsive to a request for updating the client; [[and]]

instructions for determining, at the client, if each of the list of enablement components is installed on the client; and

instructions for changing, at the client, an operating system according to of the client to install each of the list of enablement components that is not installed on the client.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original): The computer program product according to claim 16, wherein the installation control file is stored on a server.

19. (Original): The computer program product according to claim 16, wherein the installation control file is stored in a user-specific profile area in the server.

20. (Original): The computer program product according to claim 16, further comprising instructions for prompting the user before installing the enablement components.

21. (Currently Amended): A system having means for updating client computers with user specific application enablement, comprising:

means for creating, at a server, a component control file which defines enablement components needed to run applications from [[a file]] the server on a client and the actions to be performed to install the enablement components, wherein the enablement components comprise required changes to an operating system of the client; [[and]]

means for creating, at the server, an installation control file which lists the applications that have been assigned to a user and the enablement components from the component control file which must be installed in order to execute the applications that have been assigned to the user on the client;

means for determining, at the client, if the enablement components for applications listed in the installation control file are currently installed on the client; and if the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file are not currently installed on the client, installing, at the client, the enablement components for the applications listed in the installation control file on the client.

22. (Currently Amended): A system having means for updating client computers with user specific application enablement, comprising:

means for reading, at a client, a user's installation control file from a server which contains a list of the enablement components needed to run a set of applications from the server that have been assigned to the user, responsive to a request for updating the client; [[and]]

means for determining, at the client, if each of the list of enablement components is installed on the client; and

means for changing, at the client, an operating system according to of the client to install each of the list of enablement components that is not installed on the client.

23. (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the required changes to an operating system of the client include an application name assigned to the user, information files required to be installed on the client, registry files required to be installed on the client, directories required to be copied to the client, files required to be copied to the client, and commands required to be run on the client.

24. (New): The method of claim 6, wherein the step of changing an operating system of the client comprises:

- installing required information files on the client;
- installing required registry files on the client;
- copying required directories to the client;
- copying required files to the client; and
- running required comments on the client.

25. (New): The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the required changes to an operating system of the client include an application name assigned to the user, information files required to be installed on the client, registry files required to be installed on the client, directories required to be copied to the client, files required to be copied to the client, and commands required to be run on the client.

26. (New): The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the instructions for changing an operating system of the client comprises:

- instructions for installing required information files on the client;
- instructions for installing required registry files on the client;
- instructions for copying required directories to the client;
- instructions for copying required files to the client; and
- instructions for running required comments on the client.